

Count Cassini, Russian Ambassador, The New Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

Distinguished Representative of the Bear Has Been Trained in Foreign Affairs From His Youth.

Becomes Ranking Member of the Washington Colony Through the Departure of Herr von Holleben.

Count Cassini, Russian ambassador, becomes dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Washington through the recall of Herr von Holleben, who preceded him in that dignity.

Count Cassini's advancement brings additional honors to a man who has won great distinction in the Russian foreign service through the devotion of his entire life to affairs of state.

Many tasks fall to the dean of the Diplomatic Corps. The position is far from a sinecure. But the honor which attaches to it more than repays the dean for the added duties.

When Herr von Holleben left Washington Count Cassini became the acting dean of the corps and with the withdrawal of Herr von Holleben the Russian ambassador became the permanent dean.

The Service Here and Abroad.

The scratch of the President's pen makes a diplomatist in the United States.

Important posts are entrusted to men whose only qualification for the positions are that they won wars of certain cities over to the party in power or delivered stump speeches which saved some Congressman from defeat. Diplomacy is not looked on by Americans as a profession. It is a diversion in which only those can engage who have political influence.

Americans are prepared with great care for the army and the navy, but the Government offers few opportunities to men who desire to prepare for the consular service. And the fierce political fight for the desirable places in foreign countries makes the chances for the reward of good services so uncertain that capable men hesitate to enter it.

Yet in spite of the uncertainty of the service the United States has many really capable representatives in foreign lands, who are wisely directed by the Secretary of State, who has the ideal training for his position.

Training in Europe.

The United States has much to learn from Europe concerning its diplomatic service. The study of the career of an ambassador like Count Cassini, the Russian privy counselor and master of the Imperial court, shows the care with which Europeans are prepared for the foreign service and makes the weakness of the American system more evident.

As dean of the Diplomatic Corps in

COUNT ARTHUR CASSINI.



Washington Count Cassini would necessarily be much talked of, but his achievements as a diplomatist have won for him distinction beyond that which mere position can give. His reiteration of the friendly feeling which Russia and Russians have for this country has won him many friends, and his recent declarations that American interests will be fully protected in Manchuria have quieted much uneasiness in this country which was stirred up by stories of Russian encroachment on the rights of foreigners in Manchuria.

Count Cassini's Training.

Count Arthur Cassini entered the foreign office in St. Petersburg when he was only seventeen and one-half years old. He remained there for nine years as a secretary, and was then sent to Saxony as a charge d'affaires. He served as first secretary in several German cities and in Denmark. He was made minister in North Germany, and was then sent to China, where he remained for five and one-half years, until 1896. That year the Russian government advanced the post in the United States to an ambassadorship and rewarded Count Cassini's services by sending him to this country.

Count Cassini's work in China was especially notable. He went to China after years of experience in various parts of Europe. He negotiated treaties which were of the greatest value to Russia and of advantage to all nations which have trade relations with China.

Educated at Imperial Lyceum.

The count was educated in St. Petersburg, at the Imperial Lyceum, an institution established by Emperor Alexander I for the education of the children of the highest nobility. Prince

Gortchakov, Prince Labanoff, and many other men of great prominence in Russia were educated in this school. Count Cassini finished the work of the school when he was seventeen and a half years old, and entered the foreign office immediately.

The Russian ambassador is a member of a family of Italian origin. His branch of the family has been in Russia for 140 years, however, and the count's title is recognized by the Emperor and is not Italian as has been reported.

Count Cassini's grandfather was Russian minister to Rome, and his father was in the Russian diplomatic service. He is descended from ancient nobility, and many members of his family are now in important government positions. His brother has a high position at the court at St. Petersburg and his son-in-law, Count Mengden, is aide-de-camp to the Emperor.

Countess Marguerite Cassini.

The count's wife has been dead for many years, and his only daughter, the Countess Mengden, is in Russia. The Countess Marguerite Cassini is the daughter by adoption of the count, and is recognized by the Emperor as the ambassador's child. She is the daughter of the count's nephew, but her legal adoption by the ambassador assures her position as the ranking lady at the Russian embassy.

With the recall of Herr von Holleben, the former German ambassador, Count Cassini became the leader of the foreign representatives in Washington. At no time has the dean of the corps been a man who was riper in diplomatic experience than Count Cassini, and his handsome young daughter is one of the most charming women who has ever been a leader in Washington society.

COUNTRESS MARGUERITE CASSINI.



PHYSICIAN FRIEND OF RUDYARD KIPLING DEAD

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., May 2.—James Conland, representative in the State Legislature, and one of the best-known physicians in the State, died this morning. He was fifty-two years of age.

Dr. Conland was probably the most intimate friend of Rudyard Kipling in the United States. He accompanied the famous author on a trip to Gloucester, and helped him procure the material for "Captains Courageous," in return for which Kipling presented the doctor with the original manuscript of the novel.

BOSTON POWDER COMPANY INCORPORATED HERE

A certificate of the incorporation of the Boston Powder Company was filed yesterday in the office of the Recorder of Deeds. The object of the members of the corporation is to manufacture, buy, and sell gunpowder, and to lease, buy, and sell patent rights on the manufacture of gunpowder.

The capital stock of the corporation is \$100,000, and the incorporators are James M. Brown and Elliott C. Kirkpatrick, of Johnson City, Tenn.; Frank S. Appleman, Ralph Wormelle, and John W. Glennan, all of Washington, D. C.

ORIENTAL SEEKS TO AID ALL RICH MEN

Buddhist in This Country Looking For Ideas.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 2.—India's regeneration is to be sought through the application of American industrial methods, and Chicago, looked upon as the ideal American city, is asked to take a leading part in the work. H. Dharmapala, who was Buddhist representative at the parliament of religions at the World's Fair, is here to tell of the needs of 100,000,000 of India's population, and interest captains of industry in his plan for their uplifting.

Attired as were the Buddhist propagandists of 2,200 years ago, in an orange colored flowing robe, to denote that he has consecrated his life to the bettering of humanity, Mr. Dharmapala arrived yesterday from San Francisco, and established himself at the Auditorium Annex.

He will remain here for two months. Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, and Booker T. Washington are among those who the Buddhist missionary intends to see while in this country. He will particularly study the lives of these three men, that upon his return he may point to them as examples of what can be accomplished by individuals in a democracy. Regarding his work he said: "Starvation atrophies the mind, and first we intend to teach the natives how to make enough on which to live."

"These hundred million of people need to learn how to take care of themselves, for the haughty Brahmins will never aid them. Then we will teach them to understand as Buddha truly taught, and as the founders of the democracy demonstrated, that the man is more important than any system. Those poor Sudras will be told that they are as good as the Brahmins who have degraded them, and by making those who work with their hands intellectually equal to those of the highest caste, we will destroy respect for the present system."

Mr. Dharmapala is publisher of the "Maha-Bodi Journal," and lives part of the time in Colombo, Ceylon, and the rest of the time in Calcutta, India. He has been around the world three times. He says England makes no effort to better the conditions of the people of India further than to keep the country prosperous enough to pay taxes.

ADMIRAL DEWEY DUE TOMORROW

Admiral Dewey left the Southern drill grounds off Cape Charles and Henry yesterday. He is expected in the city tomorrow morning.

YOUNG MAN HEIR TO FORTUNE OF \$14,000,000

A. S. Cochrane Awakens to Find Himself Rich.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Alexander Smith Cochrane awakened today to find himself heir to a fortune of \$14,000,000. Yesterday he was just a hustling young business man with a few hundred thousands in bank.

This big fortune was willed to the young man by his uncle, the late Warren B. Smith, the Yonkers carpet manufacturer, who died in Tunis, Africa, a month ago.

Mr. Cochrane lives with his parents in Yonkers. For the last two years he has been president of the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company. He is of the third generation to take charge of the immense business which Alexander Smith founded half a century ago.

Alexander Smith's successor was Warren B. Smith. He took young Cochrane into the establishment as a clerk, but soon promoted him to a responsible position. Mr. Cochrane finally took active control of the company's business, while Mr. Smith spent most of his time traveling.

Mr. Cochrane is twenty-nine years old. He was graduated from Yale in 1896. He is tall, slender, and is an athlete. He is noted for his democratic habits. Automobiles and yachts do not interest him; in fact, he has no fashionable fads. Two years ago he was elected president of the carpet company.

PERMIT FOR SECOND STORY DENIED TO G. W. TALBERT

On recommendation of the Inspector of Buildings, the District Commissioners have denied the application of George W. Talbert, for a permit to build a second-story addition to premises 1215 Eleventh Street southeast. It was found upon investigation that the plans of the proposed structure would be in violation of the building regulations. The building proposed to be enlarged was a one-story frame structure, and not strong enough to support the second story.

SAW MILL BURNED.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 2.—Good-year's saw mill and lumber yard at Medix Run were burned today. The loss is \$60,000. The fire fighters saved Fischer's kindling wood mill by back firing.

NEW POINT IN ALASKA BOUNDARY DISPUTE

Possession Not Called Into Question by England Until 1886.

A new and interesting point emphasized by the Hon. John W. Foster in the brief of the Alaskan boundary dispute, submitted to the British government Friday through the embassy here, relates to the peaceful possession of the land in dispute from the time of the purchase of Alaska from Russia until 1886.

It is said to be shown in the brief, by quotations from various state papers, that Great Britain did not dispute the possession of the United States until 1886. The archives of the War, State, and Navy Departments and the Department of Interior are said to have yielded much matter which was included in the brief in proof of this point.

The purposes of the treaty between Great Britain and Russia in 1825 are carefully reviewed and it is shown that the coast of the mainland, and not the coast of islands, was to be taken as the basis for establishing the boundary.

The English brief in the case was filed Friday in London with the American ambassador, and will be forwarded here without delay. July 2 is the date fixed for the filing of the documents of both governments in answer to the briefs just presented. On September 3 the commission will meet in London to arbitrate the dispute concerning the boundary.

SIMONDS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED

CHICAGO, May 2.—Friends of E. W. Simonds, the New York traveling man who met a mysterious death in Chicago this week, received corroboration yesterday of the theory that he was murdered.

As a result of disclosures made by Charles M. Green, employed in the mechanical department of a morning paper, the police have begun looking for a woman and two men with whom a man answering Simonds' description was seen at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, near Clark and Madison Streets. Yesterday Green told how he had found a stranger, who had been assaulted, staggering in the street in that vicinity.

CONTROVERSIALIST ENTERTAINS

William W. Bridge, one of the speakers in the Georgetown-Wisconsin debate Friday night, entertained his colleagues and rivals and a number of his class mates at a banquet given at his home, 121 B Street southeast.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES.

Henderson Home Near Ballston.

John B. Henderson, Jr., who has lately taken unto himself a wife, has moved out to his handsome country home, near Ballston, in Alexandria county, and will make it his permanent home. Mrs. Henderson owns a large mansion there, with nearly two hundred acres of land, and it is understood he will make it one of the most beautiful mansions around the National Capital. It is also understood Mr. Henderson has political aspirations, and many of his friends say he will be in the race for Congress from the Eighth Virginia district.

Husband Acquitted; Wife Fined.

The case of the Commonwealth against Percy S. Anderson and Mary A. Anderson, charged with assault upon Rose B. Bradley, was tried yesterday in the county court before a jury, and Mr. Anderson was acquitted, but Mrs. An-

derson was fined \$5 and the cost of the prosecution. The case arose from a collision of buggies upon the road, which seemed, from the evidence, more of an accident than an intended assault on the part of Mr. Anderson.

Sale of Land.

James F. Thompson has purchased two lots of land from James E. Clements at Center Ballston for \$100 each, and will erect a house there this spring.

Buying Rights of Way.

The Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company is purchasing rights of way north and south of the United States postoffice at Ballston, and it is said making arrangements to have collateral branches, one running north toward the Great Falls and the other running south through Carlin Springs to Bailey's Cross-Roads and on to Fairfax Court House.



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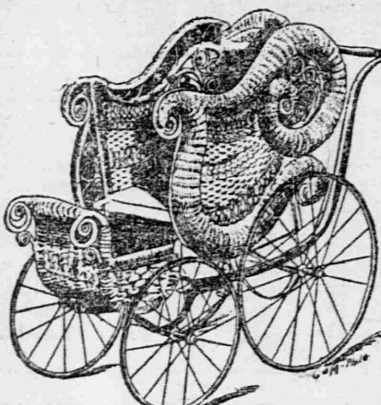
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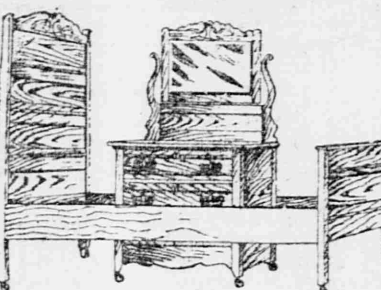
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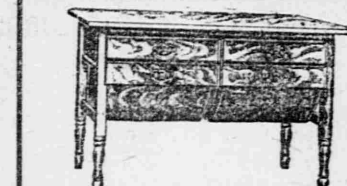
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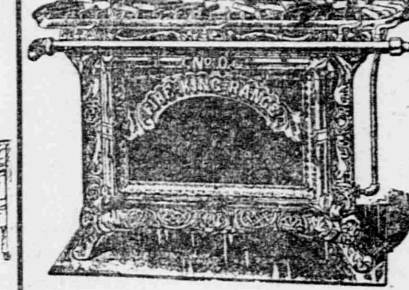
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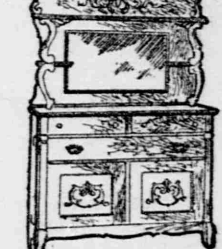


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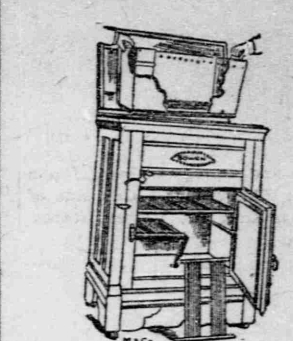


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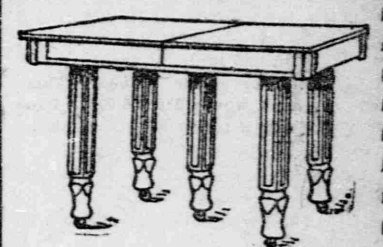
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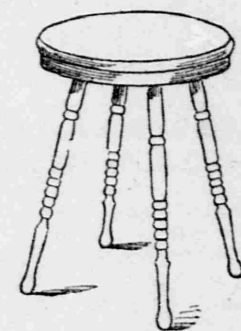


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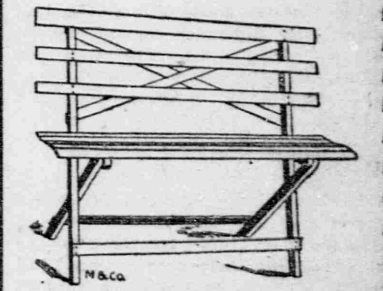
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